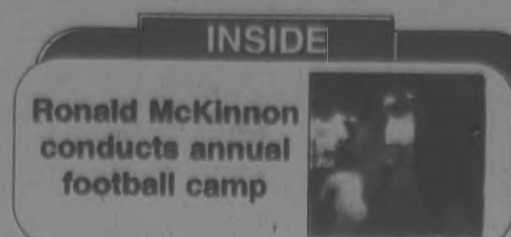
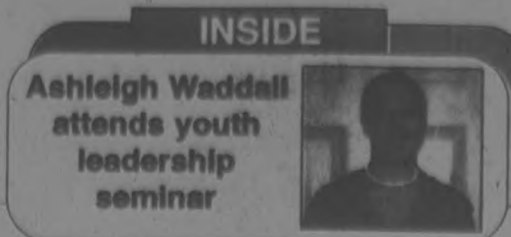


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Elba BOE rotates chairman position

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board began its June 22nd meeting with a changing of the guard. Board member Valerie McGuire stepped down from serving one year as Chair of the Board. Reverend Aubrey Williams assumed the one year position for the second time during his tenure on the board. Bill Brunson rotated into the Vice Chair position.

Board members heard positive updates on the financial condition of the schools. The General Fund bank balance and the Child Nutrition Fund are both showing healthy activity and are operating within the safety net guidelines set by state auditors. They each have ample funds to operate, but are not hoarding excessive bank accounts.

Superintendent Danny Weeks expressed to Board members that the Capital Projects money is being spent very carefully, as

there is the possibility of some real strong maintenance needs in the next few years that will take lots of money. He gave as an example the roofs on the schools are over ten years old and are beginning to show their age.

The Elba Schools have received the teacher allocation adjustments from the state department. Elba High School will gain funding for 1.29 teachers while Elba Elementary School will lose funding for 1.48 teacher units.

That is a net gain of a fraction of a teacher, but it is critical at the elementary level, according to the superintendent. He noted this is where the basics for all future education is received.

During the summer months a lot of painting is being done in both the schools. The High School and Elementary School offices are being repainted, as is the Elementary conference room and the foyers of both buildings. Carpet and tile is being replaced in the office areas of both schools.

Planning is ongoing for paving a parking lot in front of Elba High School. This will be Capital Projects

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CENTER OFFICIALLY RE-OPENS...Local dignitaries, business leaders, beauty queens and visitors joined together last Thursday, June 24, in celebrating continued service for the Coffee County Adult DayCare Center in Elba. The facility narrowly escaped closure earlier this year after state funding was cut; however, Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center accepted responsibility of the center, and last week officials came together for a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome the re-opening of the facility under its new leadership. The ribbon cutting was sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Local students intern for Sen. Richard Shelby

This May, U.S. Senator Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) welcomed Cammie Kelley and Katie Vaughan of Elba, Ala. as interns in his Washington, D.C. office. Cammie is the daughter of Jerry Kelley and Theresa



Cammie Kelley with Sen. Shelby

Kelley of Elba. Katie is the daughter of Mark and Candace Vaughan also of Elba.

While in Washington, D.C., Cammie and Katie had the opportunity to correspond with constituents and perform other constituent services, assist with government research, give tours of the Capitol building, and receive Congressional Research Service Certification. They also had the opportunity to attend hearings at the Senate Banking and Judiciary Committees.

Katie and Cammie attend Troy State University in Troy, Ala. Katie is an art major with a concentration in photography, and Cammie is a public relations major.

Sen. Shelby said, "The Congressional Internship Program is an important complement to these students' academic studies. Their experiences help bring to life what they have studied in the classroom. The internships foster a fuller, richer understanding of our government's legislative process, while providing a first-hand view of public service."

"Many times, interning in our nation's capital inspires and motivates young people to one day seek elected office or work as public servants. I know the bright, energetic students who assisted me during May will go on to achieve great things, whether in Washington, D.C. or elsewhere."



Katie Vaughan with Sen. Shelby

Sen. Shelby's Congressional Internship Program is open to students who exhibit and interest in government and public service.

Coffee County Commission hears second part of strategic plan update

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County's Strategic Planning committee presented its second and final portion of the strategic plan update to commissioners Monday, June 28, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission.

Committee chairman Stan Windham said the strategic plan is tremendously important, and he feels it will be a road map for the future.

Jackie Thompson presented the final portion of the update regarding economic development and transportation, and she said her theory has always been that you can not stand still.

Thompson said marketing will be a key for the county's economic development.

"We've got to tell it, and let people know what we've got here," she said. "We need to continue to market our retirees and local tourism."

She suggested implementing a county-wide brochure and Internet site that markets the attractions for the county.

"Let's be proactive not reactive," Thompson said in regards to attracting industries. "That's how we get new industry here."

She said the county needs to continue to support existing industries, especially the small industries in which she said have kept the county comfortable while the bigger industries experienced ups and downs

through the years.

Also, she said the people need to work towards revitalizing the downtown areas and developing more and larger industrial parks.

Other suggestions to improve economic development included: keeping infrastructure, paving all dirt roads, providing what industries need, updating the revenue and tax assessment offices, shopping with local businesses, and most importantly, continuing to work together.

In regards to transportation, Thompson said the committee wants to see the Hwy. 84 four-laning project completed, airport improvements made throughout the county, taxi businesses created to help people get to their jobs, more four-laning projects such as four-laning Hwy. 167 and taking a serious look at the I-10 connector.

She also said the county needs to look at improved safety factors such as continued replacement of roads and bridges.

"I encourage you (commission) to continue to look at this strategic plan," Thompson said as she concluded her remarks and complimented the commission for its initiative.

Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell also addressed commissioners Monday morning and presented a plan for the City of Enterprise and Coffee County to become partners in progress by developing a new senior center/multipurpose center in

Enterprise that would be located next to the park on Hwy. 167.

In his proposal for the Enterprise Coffee County Multipurpose Senior Center, Boswell said the proposed building will be a 25,000 square foot building with two levels.

He said the senior center will be 5,000 square feet and will accommodate twice as many people as the current facility.

Boswell also said it will have added benefits such as being a safer environment for seniors, having adequate space for all activity rooms, a large modern kitchen and large handicap

accessible restrooms.

As for the multipurpose center, the mayor said it will be 20,000 square feet and will accommodate senior overflow and activities, graduation ceremonies, in inclement weather, school functions, county functions, emergency shelter, evacuation site, seminars, as well as, host business functions and entertainment.

According to Boswell, some advantages of the city and county partnership would include:

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Area Happenings

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY will host a Summer Reading Program every Thursday during the month of July at 10 a.m.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, street or sewer. To report an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be unchanged. Please have cars beside the road before 6 a.m. on Monday.

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON OFFICES will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. For any emergency, residents should call the New Brockton Police Department.

A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL, near Victoria Baptist Church on Alabama Highway 125 will be held Saturday, July 17, at 2 p.m. The memorial site honors all veterans - past, present and future.

Remaining Republican Primary races decided by extremely low voter turnout

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Unofficial results showed that a total of 3,262 ballots were cast Tuesday, June 29, during Coffee County's Republican Primary run-off election.

Two races were decided. One a countywide race for the district judge nomination, and the other a district race for the Coffee County Commission, District Two seat nomination.

Of the 681 votes cast in this race, Weeks received 381 or 55.95 percent while Lewis received 300 votes or 44.05 percent. Weeks will now face Democrat candidate Joe Green in November.

Sherling received 1,658 votes or 51.03 percent, and Clark received 1,591 votes or 48.97 percent.

Sherling will face Democrat candidate John Dowling and Independent candidate Joe Cassidy Jr. in November.

As for the District Two Commission race, J.L. Weeks ousted incumbent Jessie M. Lewis for the Republican nomination.

County BOE accepts resignation of New Brockton band director

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education conducted a special meeting Tuesday evening, June 22, and moved through the items on the agenda rather quickly.

The first matter of business involved roofing bids for the New Brockton High School vocational building, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram opened her remarks by saying, "Wow."

With the low bid for the roofing project being \$496,136, Ingram said she was not going to make a recommendation that the board accept the low bid. Instead, she said she had spoken with the architect, and the architect said he would go back to the building commission to look for other options.

"I think we probably need to rethink what we're doing before we accept a half million dollar bid," Ingram said.

The superintendent reported good news to board members regarding the monthly financial statement. She said the sales tax revenue is up \$75,491 compared to last year's first seven months.

The board took another step towards receiving unitary status as board members voted unanimously to ratify the agreement

inducing the plaintiffs' attorney to withdraw their remaining objection to unitary status providing the school system agrees to fulfill certain requests of the plaintiffs.

In regards to personnel, the board approved the following actions:

Certificated
*Accept the resignation of Dayna Newsome, band director at New Brockton High School.

*Employ Ashley Nelson as an English teacher at New Brockton High School.

*Accept the resignation of Linda Lawrence, sixth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

*Accept the resignation of Deanne Thomas, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

*Employ Charis Granger as a math teacher at Kinston School.

*Employ Terry Weeks as part-time assistant principal/counselor at Kinston School.

*Employ Mary Beth Watkins as education interpreter at New Brockton Elementary School.

*Grant a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act to Dana Padgett.

Support
*Employ Selena King as a bus driver at Zion Chapel School.

*Transfer Mary Kelley from her position as janitor at Zion Chapel Elementary to the position of janitor at Zion Chapel School. This change will allow Mrs. Kelley to perform duties in any building, elementary or high school, as needed.

*Employ Cindy Senn as janitor at Zion Chapel School.

*Employ Margaret Moon as janitor at New Brockton Elementary School.

NOTICE

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The deadline for Church and social news will be Friday, July 2, at Noon. All other deadlines will remain the same.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

As many, including us, predicted the election turn out was very low Tuesday, both in Coffee County and statewide. Of course there was only one countywide race in Coffee County and it was in the Republican column. While some who had voted in the Democrat column earlier this month didn't feel right in going back and voting Republican Tuesday, others didn't bother because of the fact there was only one (or in some cases two) contested race to be decided. We got a report from one rural box in which only three people had voted by noon Tuesday!

The Cox house was not the only one with a lot of sticks and dead limbs to pick up following the heavy winds last week. At least two friends have tried to outdo us with their limb pile but it simply will not work. Now they probably had lots of limbs, but we are controlling the writing here and the printed opinion is that ours was the worse! Now that is settled, so get on with your cleaning up and help us remember to be thankful we each can still do it. A lot of our friends and family members can no longer do the bending.

It was a smart move to turn over control of Iraq two days earlier than publically announced July 1st date. There is little doubt those doing all the car bombing and killing were planning some sort of violence for that event. Now they can still do these killings but not during the U.S. return of government to the citizens of Iraq. The continuing killings, both of foreign nationals and their fellow citizens will probably go on for many years to come. Hopefully neighbors of these who lean toward violence will do something to curtail this activity. Public sentiment will go a long way toward this goal, in fact, it is about the only way a lasting peace can be achieved in Iraq.

U. S. Senator Jeff Sessions is somewhere between the U. S. and Iraq. He is scheduled to visit several Middle East countries this week and Iraq is on the agenda. However there is some question of whether our American lawmakers will go to Iraq due to, and we quote the statement out of Washington, "security problems." If there are problems in that department, we strongly urge them to read about it in the newspaper or watch the TV news rather than getting themselves shot or taken captive. If that were to happen those extremists over there could feed on what they would see as a major victory, for weeks and weeks on end.

You can note from Linda's writing just to the right that she took some time off last week for vacation. It comes as a surprise to some of our so called "friends" that we survived at all without our hard working editor, but we did. The real secret was her planning ahead, doubling up on her work in the days before leaving . . . and hurrying back.

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ARA accepting nominations
for "Retailer of the Year"

The Alabama Retail Association recently announced that nominations are being accepted for their annual "Retailer of the Year" Awards for the State of Alabama. The program is held in conjunction with the University of Alabama.

Nominations are now being accepted. The deadline for nominations in July 30, 2004. Nominated retailers must have a physical presence in the operations of their business located in the state. Once ARA receives a nomination, the nominee will be sent a complete entry form to be used in the judging process. Completed entries will be due August 15, 2004. Finalists will be selected in

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Kentucky proves to be more than just hills and valleys

by Linda Hodge, Editor

I've always been a firm believer in the phrase, "There's no place like home," but last week I visited a place that seemed just as comfortable and cozy as Elba has been my entire life.

The trip began last Wednesday afternoon (after the paper was delivered for the week...of course) as my dad, sister and I headed for Corbin, Kentucky.

We had decided on this destination based on a magazine article I read earlier in the year about great vacation spots in the South. The main focus of that article was the Cumberland Falls area.

After reading the article, I began researching that area of Kentucky on the Internet and decided we must make the 500 mile trip to Kentucky.

I figured it would be like any other tourist attraction area with lots of things to do and plenty of scenery, but I never expected the people from the area to be as kind and helpful as they proved to be.

From the moment we arrived



Cumberland Falls located at the Cumberland Falls State Resort Park near Corbin, Kentucky is also known as the "Little Niagara of the South." Viewing the falls in person proved to be a very memorable experience. The Falls are part of the Cumberland River which is recognized as a Kentucky Wild River.

in Kentucky until the moment we left, the people were just as nice and considerate as any I had ever been around...which only added to the pleasure of the trip.

As for the scenery, it was beyond my imagination!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 21, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, two for theft of property, two for property damage, two for harassment, one juvenile welfare, two for criminal mischief, two for driving under the influence, one disturbance and two incidents.

The following arrests were made: five for failure to appear, three for harassment, one for theft, one for criminal mischief and two for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for reckless endangerment, one for driving with a suspended driver's license, three for no insurance, three for not wearing a seat belt and one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JUNE 21 - River stage - 7.38 feet (6:37 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported at a residence

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• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 5 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sign Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4 p.m. - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 904-3551

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Cokany

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday of month - Driscoll Hanger at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

on Champ McCollough Dr. (6:00 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) on Jackson St. (8:30 p.m.)

TUESDAY, JUNE 22 - Possible burglary reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr. (1:33 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to an appliance fire at 519 Smith Ave. (2:33 p.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 426 Williams St. (5:11 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 - River stage - 6.50 feet (6:10 a.m.); Routine activity

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 13550 Hwy. 87 (5:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 608 Mullins (9:36 p.m.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 - Prowler reported at 1154 N. Morrow Ave. (1:06 a.m.); River stage - 9.36 feet (7:13 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) at 709 Kennedy Dr. (9:26 a.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) reported at 903 Wayne St. (10:40 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 - River stage - 8.57 feet (6:56 a.m.); Routine activity

SUNDAY, JUNE 27 - Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 603 Kendrick St. (12:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Jones St. (8:10 p.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) reported at 804 Cedar Lane Dr. (8:55 p.m.)

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low maintenance cost, lower utility cost, water provided at no cost to center, no additional personnel cost needed to run center, no land acquisition cost, a good investment for both partners and financially smart due to cuts in state funding, shows good stewardship of the taxpayers money and the cost to both partners is much lower because a new facility will serve all of Coffee County.

Boswell said the estimated cost of the project is \$2.5 million. In his proposal, he said \$250,000 would come from grant funding, \$1 million would come from the county and \$1,250,000 would come from the City of Enterprise.

"This center will not only help with our seniors, but it will improve our quality of life in Coffee County," Boswell said. "I truly would appreciate your consideration on participating with this partnership."

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said he feels the plan presented by Boswell is a masterpiece for Coffee County.

Blanching is a must when freezing fresh vegetables

by Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/ACENEP

Freezing is usually the preferred method of storing vegetables from our gardens. However, much of the time and effort of gardening and packing fresh vegetables is wasted simply because people do not take the time to blanch their vegetables before putting them in the freezer.

Blanching is not only beneficial for freezing vegetables, it is a must.

Blanching stops enzyme action from destroying the fresh flavor of your vegetables. If they are not blanched, vegetables will lose their color and flavor after about four to six weeks of freezer storage.

In addition, blanching removes dirt and bacteria. It's important blanching be done correctly and that you follow the recommended blanching time for individual vegetables.

Under blanching stimulates the enzyme action that destroys flavor, over-blanching removes color and vitamins. That is why many people don't like to blanch.

To blanch, bring one gallon of water to a vigorous boil. Drop in only one pound of vegetables at a time so the water can circulate around each piece and kill the enzymes. When the water returns to a boil, start timing. A vegetable must reach a temperature of 180 to 190 degrees Fahrenheit inside to destroy the enzymes.

Here are recommended blanching times for the following vegetables:
Beans (lima) 2 to 4 minutes
Beans (snap) 3 minutes
Corn on the cob 7 to 11 minutes
Corn 4 minutes
Peas (garden or field) 2 minutes
Okra 3 to 4 minutes
Squash 3 minutes

You can use the same blanching water for six to 10 batches of the same vegetable. If you are blanching leafy vegetables, use two gallons of boiling water to prevent the leaves from matting together.

Once you have blanched your vegetables, remove them from the boiling water. They need to cool as quickly as possible to stop cooking. The best method is to place the vegetables in a pan of ice water. Cool three to

"I feel it would be incumbent of us as a county government to stand behind this development," he said.

Brooks then made a motion with a second from commissioner Tom Grimesley for the commission to consider Boswell's proposal during the upcoming budget process and consider contributing \$1 million to the project.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote, and commission chairman Robert Stephens stressed this only means the commission will consider the request. He said there have been many monetary requests presented to the commission for consideration and all will be discussed during the budget process.

Later in the meeting, commissioner Linda Westbrook noted Coffee County has six senior center buildings in the rural areas of the county with the Zion Chapel Senior Center being next on the commission's list to apply for a grant for construction of a new building.

However, she said she was not prepared to make a motion regarding this until the Mount Pleasant/Ino senior center project is completely closed.

Commissioner Stephens also offered a motion to consider Boswell's proposal during the upcoming budget process and consider contributing \$1 million to the project.

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money, which must be used for such projects. No General Fund money will be used. Weeks told board members.

Efforts are ongoing to erect nice entrance signs at both the front and back entrances of the school complex. Weeks reported that an alumni class is probably going to donate one of the signs, and he is hoping others will come forward with funds for the other entrance.

Gary Guthrie elected president of Alabama Bankers Association

Gary Guthrie, president and CEO of Troy Bank & Trust, was elected president of the Alabama Bankers Association at its 111th Annual Convention recently held at the Fairmont Banff Springs.

Hotel in Alberta, Canada. Mr. Guthrie is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in commerce and business. He joined Troy Bank & Trust in 1986. Currently, he is the director of Troy Bank & Trust and

Bankers Association. Additionally, he serves as chairman of the board of the Peoples Bank of Coffee County, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Henderson Bancshares, Inc. Mr. Guthrie is also active in the community and has served as chairman of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and on the Troy University, School of Business Advisory Board.

Mr. Guthrie and his wife, Carla, have two sons, and are members of Park Memorial United Methodist Church.

Training recruitment opens for Enterprise automotive supplier production jobs

Applications become available June 21 for AIDT training that will provide production team candidates for HS Automotive Alabama Inc.'s Enterprise manufacturing facility. HS Automotive Alabama, Inc., a supplier for Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, manufactures rubber goods for the automotive and industrial products markets.

AIDT's pre-employment training for HSAA will identify candidates with skills and abilities needed to be considered for production jobs. Candidates must have at least one year of manufacturing or assembly work experience with no unacceptable employment gaps and must be able to work flexible shifts including nights, weekends and some holidays. Preferred applicants are those with experience in production of rubber goods.

HSAA hourly wages for production team members start at \$8 per hour. Employee benefits include medical insurance, paid holidays and vacation time, a retirement program and Worker Compensation Insurance.

Applications for training are available Monday, June 21, through Friday, July 2, at the Alabama Career Center in Enterprise at 2021 Boll Weevil

Circle. Applicants must complete the AIDT training application to be considered for enrollment. No resumes will be accepted.

Applicants may obtain training applications at Alabama Career Centers throughout the state, however, each applicant's ability to attend training before employment will be considered in selection of candidates for enrollment.

AIDT training programs are conducted at night to allow trainees to continue working at their current jobs. AIDT training is provided at no cost to trainees and trainees will not be paid by HSAA while enrolled in the training program. Successful completion of the AIDT training program can lead to employment, however, trainees are not guaranteed a job with HSAA.

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Obituaries

BILLY WILSON MEEK

Mr. Billy Wilson Meek, age 62, of Elba, Ala., died June 25, 2004 at the Extensive Hospice Facility in Dothan, Ala.

Graveside services and burial were held June 27, 2004 at New Hope Cemetery with Rev. Nathan Carroll officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Serving as pallbearers for the service were friends: Herbie McCall, Wendell Black, Doug Fleming, Jimmy McKinney, Jeff McKinney and Dowe Clark. Also serving as honorary pallbearers were Bobby Boutwell, Wayne Grantham, James Grimes and the City of Elba street department.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Wallace Meek, Elba; two sons: Shane (Denise) Meek, Daleville, Ala.; Patrick (Tiffany) Meek, Fairhope, Ala.; one stepson: Byron Wallace, Auburn, Ala.; one sister: Jacqueline (Buddy) Lanier, Pensacola, Fla.; three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

DOROTHY SMITH MCKENZIE
Mrs. Dorothy Smith McKenzie, age 65, of Troy, Ala., died June 23, 2004 at Troy Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held June 25, 2004 at Perdue Assembly of God Church with Rev. Ray Stinson officiating. Burial followed at Perdue Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

Mrs. McKenzie was preceded in death by her husband, Howard McKenzie, and her parents, Grady and Eolene Smith.

Survivors include two brothers: Coley Smith, Elba, Ala.; Olen Smith, Phenix City, Ala.; three sisters: Betty Mauldin, Brundidge; Mary Faulkner and

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JOHN RANN KING
Mr. John Rann King, age 67, of Elba, Ala., died June 29, 2004 at his residence in Elba.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 30, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

Mr. King was preceded in death by a daughter, Kim King, and his father, Horace King.

Survivors include his wife, Judy King, Elba; one son: David Alan King, Elba; his mother:

Reba Mae King, Elba; one brother, Kenneth King, Union Grove, Ala.; and two grandsons. The King family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to Wiregrass Hospice, 557 Glover Avenue, Enterprise, AL 36330.

CHURCH AND AREANEWS

Community Crusade to be held in Elba July 6-10

The Church of God and of Prophecy will hold a Community Crusade July 6 through 10 at 7:00 pm. The schedule will be: On Tuesday Bro. Tyrone & Sister Helen Leonard, Evangelist No Greater Love Ministries, Abbeville, Alabama; Wednesday Bro. Harold Pettis Pastor New Testament Holiness Church, Abbeville, Alabama; Thursday & Friday Rev. Ken Stroup Church of God, State Evangelist, Buhl, Alabama; Saturday Bro. Buford & Sister Doris Roberts Evangelist, Cross Fire Musical Ministry, Enterprise, Alabama.

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church to celebrate homecoming Sunday, July 11

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will celebrate Homecoming on July 11, 2004, at 11:00 am. Rev. John Morgan will bring the morning message. Special singing planned. A covered dish lunch will follow. Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will have a Revival beginning Monday, July 12 at 7:00 pm. Rev. Rich Haves from Hebron Baptist Church will be preaching and his choir singing.

Worship at the church of your choice this Sunday.

Patriotic Celebration
at
Basin Baptist Church
Saturday, July 3rd
6 p.m.
Following the service at 6 p.m., everyone is invited to enjoy lots of food, fellowship and fun!
Also... You Can Bring Your Own Fireworks!!!
Everyone is Invited!
Basin Baptist Church is located on Hwy. 189 - South of Elba
Nathan Carroll, Pastor

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Rev. Ben V. McLean, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Tim Gunnels, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Ron Stafford, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Roy Davis, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Roger Miller, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Levi Martin, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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Lizzie Tyson, Evelyn Manning, Johnnie Ruth Belcher, Ruth Belcher, Federal Barnes, Murray Barnes, Louie Hooks, Bettye Burkes, Mattie Belcher, James Henderson, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. J.R. Parks, The Moultrie Family.
On Wednesday, July 14, Rev. John Baxter, Denton Road United Methodist Church of Dothan, Ala. will be preaching.

***REUNION-The Annual Oliver and Hessie Belcher's Family Reunion was held in Birmingham, Alabama in Loving Memory of Wallace Belcher, June 25, 26, 27. It was hosted by his children: Nell Belcher Harris, Edwina Belcher Cheatham, Robert (Judy) Belcher, Christopher West and Wallace's wife, Mattie Belcher. Five generations of descendants of Oliver and Hessie Belcher gathered for this memorable occasion. There were relations from Ohio, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Enterprise, Ala., Montgomery, Ala., Tusculum, Ala., Elba, Ala., and Glenwood.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church is holding 4th Appreciation Day on July 4th

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church is holding the 4th Appreciation Day with Pastor Ruben McKinnon. The guest Minister is Pastor J. G. Chatman of Trinity Baptist Church of Troy, AL. Dinner will be served. All members are asked to pay \$10. This event will take place July 4, 2004 at 2:30 pm. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church is located on County Road 538, Route 4 of Elba, AL.

Homecoming set for Sunday, July 11th at Bluff Springs Baptist Church

A revival will start July 12 and end July 14, 2004 at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be Rev. W.O. Sanders.

Mount Vernon Assembly of God to hold VBS July 25-29

Lava Lulu that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they've learned. The Lava Lulu Island adventure will start on July 25, 2004 and end on July 29, 2004. The first night will be from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and all other nights will be from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Come join us for the hottest Vacation Bible School around at Mount Vernon Assembly of God Church on County Road 320 in Elba, Ala. each night. For more information, please call Paul or Cynthia Stricklin at 334-393-2461.

Vacation Bible School planned at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist will be holding Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 10, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12.

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Area High School seniors earn scholarships from Troy University

The Troy University Office of Admissions recently held a recognition dinner to honor high school seniors or community college students who have received academic scholarships for their academic achievements.

These students will enroll at Troy University for the upcoming fall semester. More than 70 students from different area high schools were honored at the banquet. Each student who earned an award

had achieved at least a 3.5 GPA on the 4.0 grade scale and had also scored at least a 27 on the ACT. Local students being honored included: New Brockton High School, Amanda Estrada and Heather Carroll; Zion Chapel High School, Britany Thompson; Kinston High School, Courtney Farris; Enterprise-Oriskany Community College, Tiffany Thompson.

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LIFESTYLES



Mr. & Mrs. Justin Morgan Vann

Manning-Vann wedding held Saturday, June 26

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Manning of Columbia announce the marriage of their daughter, Ashley Nicole Manning of Columbia, to Justin Morgan Vann of Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pelham of Webb and the late Weeden Vann. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Sara Fowler of Graceville, Fla., and Evelyn McDonald of Birmingham, Ala. She is a graduate of Ashford High School.

James and Mary Starks celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

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Arkie Hodge celebrates 89th birthday with family members and friends

On June 19, 2004 Arkie Hodge celebrated her 89th birthday. Many family members and friends came to celebrate with her. Everyone enjoyed cake, ice cream, dip and chips. Those present were Mary Hodge and Louise Cox of Elba, Ala.; Daisy Lawson of New Brockton, Ala.; Elvester and Tony Johnson of Elba; Bill and Bernice Hair of Montgomery, Ala.; Tracy and Brittany Rucker of Prattville, Ala.; Irene Hodge of Elba; Odell, Bruce, Shannon and Debra Hudson of Montgomery; Tussy, Randolph, Sylvester, Wayne Rushing of Elba; Eddie and Kathy Bryant of Samson, Ala.; Nell Moore of



Mr. Camley & Miss Mitchell

Miss Mitchell and Mr. Camley announce marriage plans

Talwan Mitchell of Troy, Ala. and Bonita Mauldin of Brundidge, Ala. announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Ann Mitchell, to Eric Camley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Camley of Jack, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Joe Mauldin and Mrs. Theo Mauldin of Brundidge, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mauldin of Brundidge, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell of New Bern, NC.

She is a 2000 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is employed in Troy.

The wedding is planned for July 31, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Camley in Jack. The reception will follow. All friends and family are invited to attend.

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NEW ARRIVAL

SARAH LYNN HOLLIDAY
Steve and Angela Holliday of Enterprise, Ala. announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Lynn, on June 18, 2004, at Flowers Hospital, Dothan, Ala.

The new arrival weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Brandon also of Enterprise.

Grandparents are Leon and Joyce Holliday of New Brockton, Route, Ames and Marie Taylor of Centerville, Tenn., and Vance and Phyllis Turner, also of Centerville.

Reunion plans are being made for the Class of 1984.

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HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4th of July

Johnathan Andrew Blount
Johnathan Andrew Blount was born June 4, 2004, at Druid City Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Johnathan is wearing a heart-dress made by his great-grandmother, the late Flossie M. Harper. The dress has also been worn by his mother, Tiffany H. Blount, sister, Abby Harper Blount, and uncle, John B. Harper, Jr.

Johnathan's parents are Tiffany Harper Blount and Stephen Blount.

He was welcomed home by his big sister, Harper Blount, parents and grandparents.

His grandparents in Elba are Gloria and John Harper.

COMMUNITY NEWS



ON THE ROAD TO THE 2004 SUMMER OLYMPICS...Michael Spurlin, son of Dennis and Catina Manning, and Zack Sullivan, son of Carla and Joey Sullivan, witnessed the Athens 2004 Olympic Torch Relay and "saw the flame" Sunday, June 18, in Atlanta, Ga., as the torch continued its journey to Athens, Greece for the Summer Olympics.

Waddail attends Alabama Youth Leadership Seminar

Ashleigh Waddail recently attended the Alabama Youth Leadership Seminar. Waddail joined more than 80 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Alabama. The Conference was held at the Huntingdon College in Montgomery.

Representing Elba High School, Waddail is the daughter of Steve Waddail of Troy, Ala., and Karl and Melanie Bledsoe of Elba, Ala.

AYLP Leadership Conference brings together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about the American system and democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. AYLP leaders are also challenged to return to

their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the Conference. "The seminar challenged me to think about the world around me, and what we, as the future leaders, have to do to positively influence business, government, and society," said Waddail. "I also better understand that my goals and dreams are important and that leaders have extreme responsibilities in whatever walk of life they pursue." Further information about



Ashleigh Waddail

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Dieters should beware of fad diets

by Christina Kirkland
Extension Agent/ACENEP

Weight loss advice comes in literally hundreds of disguises. Most often the "new" and "revolutionary" diets are really old fad diets making an encore appearance. Some examples of fad diets include those that:

- Ban a specific food or food group
- Suggest that food can change body chemistry
- Blame specific hormones for weight problems

Food-specific diets rely on the myth that some foods have special properties that can cause weight loss or gain. But, according to the American Dietetic Association (ADA), no food can. These diets do not teach healthy eating habits; therefore, you will not stick with them. Sooner or later, you will have a taste for something else—anything that is not among the foods you have been "allowed" on the diet.

The ADA reports that the popular high protein, low carbohydrate diets are based on the idea that carbohydrates are bad, that many people are "allergic" to them or are insulin resistant, and therefore gain weight when they eat them. The truth is that people are eating more total calories and getting less physical activity, and that is the real reason they are gaining weight. These high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets tend to be low in calcium and fiber, as well as healthy phytochemicals (plant chemicals). Some authors of these fad diets advise taking vitamin-mineral supplements to replace lost nutrients. However, supplements should bridge the gap in healthy eating and not be used as a replacement for nutrient-rich foods.

rich foods. The ADA goes on to say that the authors of high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets advocate taking advantage of ketosis to accelerate weight loss. Ketosis is an abnormal body process that occurs during starvation due to lack of carbohydrate. Ketosis can cause fatigue, constipation, nausea and vomiting. Potential long-term side effects of ketosis include heart disease, bone loss and kidney damage. Here are 10 Red Flags that Signal Bad Nutrition Advice:

1. Recommendations that promise quick fix
2. Dire warnings of dangers from a single product or regimen
3. Claims that sound too good to be true
4. Simplistic conclusions drawn from a complex study

Milk Matters...healthy weight with dairy

by Christina Kirkland
Extension Agent/NEP

Recently published studies from the American Dietetic Association (ADA) suggest a link between dairy consumption and lower body weight. Overweight adults on a reduced-calorie diet that included at least three servings a day of dairy foods such as milk, cheese, or yogurt lost more weight than those who consumed few dairy foods, or who took an equal amount of calcium from supplements. The latest data from the ADA indicates that calcium may play a role in the body's natural system for burning fat.

Achieving a healthy weight is about three things: limiting the amount of calories in your diet, getting enough exercise and making smart food choices. Following a healthy lifestyle will improve your overall well-being and help you better manage your weight. Here are some suggestions:

- Cut 500-gradual weight loss improves success for keeping extra weight off permanently. Your goal should be to lose no more than one to one-and-a-half pounds per week. To lose one pound in one week, you must burn 500 more calories than you consume. One option is to split this amount between calories you burn during exercise and calories you reduce from your daily diet.

Activities that burn approximately 250 calories are jogging for 25 minutes, swimming for 30 minutes or biking for 45 minutes.

- Make calories count-avoid loading up on empty calories. Milk, cheese and yogurt are nutrient-rich foods that naturally provide calcium, protein and other essential vitamins and minerals for good health. In an effort to reduce calories, be sure to enjoy low-fat or fat-free varieties often.
- Be a calorie burner-everyday activities such as walking and cleaning the house are important to losing extra pounds and maintaining a healthy weight. An increase in any type of daily physical activity that fits your lifestyle will help burn more calories. Thirty minutes on five or more days a week is all it takes.

- Dear Dairy-keeping a food journal or diary will help you monitor your weight-loss plan. It makes you more aware of what you eat. Keeping a record of what you eat throughout the day may also help you control portion size and count calories, as well as feel good about planning more balanced and nutritious meals.
- Balance is the key-stick to a healthy, balanced diet that includes a variety of naturally nutrient-rich foods from each food group and be sure to include at least the minimum recommended servings from the Food Guide Pyramid.



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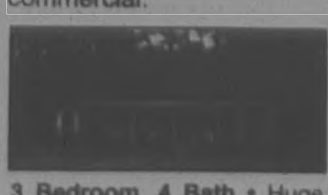


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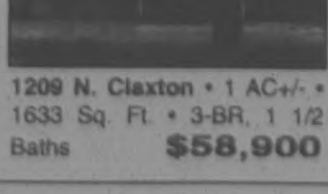


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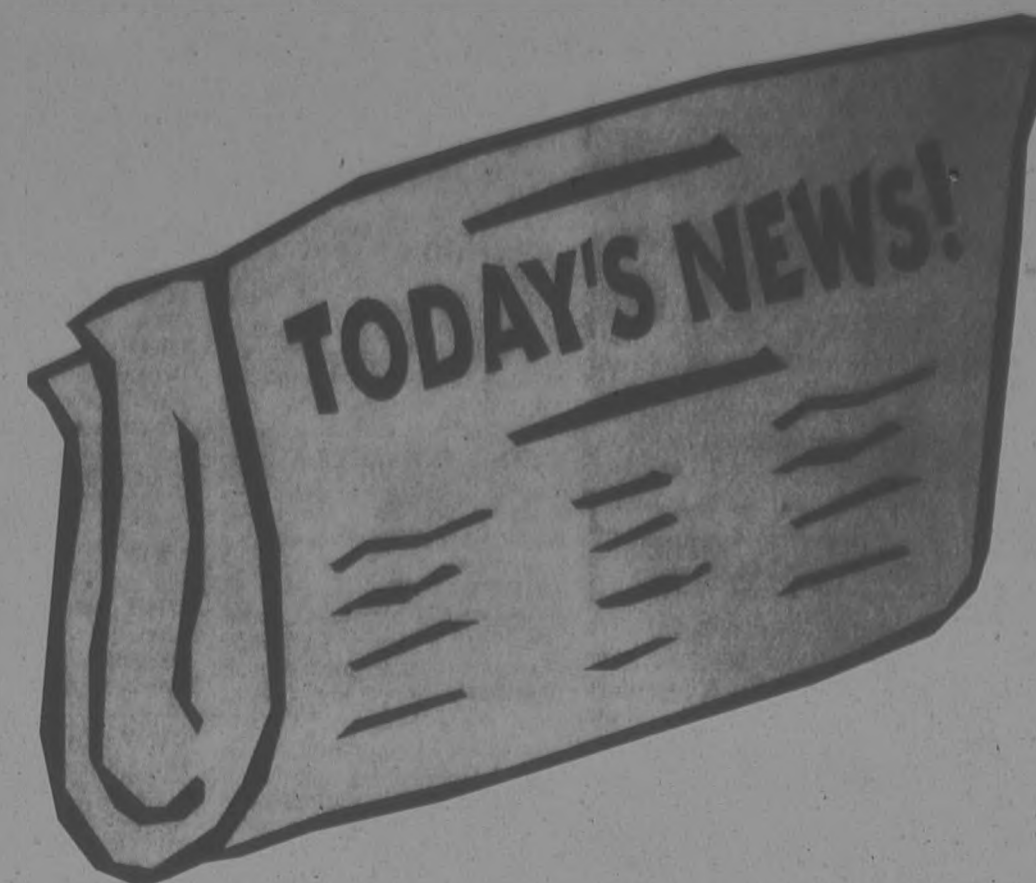
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ESTATE OF: MINNIE BAILY,

DECEASED. PROBATE COURT PC-04-41. Decedent's Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned the 17th day of June, 2004, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Mark Vaughan Personal Representative of William O. Gammill 6-24, 7-1, & 8 p

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR

THE COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM. BARRY ANTHONY JONES Complainant/ Plaintiff V. BEATRICE JUANITA JONES Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 56343

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the Defendant on the grounds of living separate and apart continuously for a period in excess of one year. IT APPEARING from an Affidavit that the Defendant, BEATRICE JUANITA JONES, a non-resident of the State of Virginia, and her last known address is as follows: TO-WIT: F.O.W. of Alabama Highway #87, Enterprise, AL 36030, That diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to determine in what city or county the Defendant is located without success.

UPON CONSIDERATION

WHEREOF, This Order of Publication is granted and it is ordered that the above named Defendant appear on or before the 6th day of August, 2004, before the court after due publication of this Order and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this cause.

And it is further ORDERED that

this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Elba Clipper, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Coffee; that a copy of this order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this court is held; and that a copy of this order be mailed to the Defendant at the address shown by the aforesaid affidavit. Entered this 17th day of June, 2004.

Angela L. Tant, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, VA

6-24, 7-1, 8, & 15 cc

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THE COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM. BARRY ANTHONY JONES Complainant/ Plaintiff V. BEATRICE JUANITA JONES Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 56343

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the Defendant on the grounds of living separate and apart continuously for a period in excess of one year. IT APPEARING from an Affidavit that the Defendant, BEATRICE JUANITA JONES, a non-resident of the State of Virginia, and her last known address is as follows: TO-WIT: F.O.W. of Alabama Highway #87, Enterprise, AL 36030, That diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to determine in what city or county the Defendant is located without success.

UPON CONSIDERATION

WHEREOF, This Order of Publication is granted and it is ordered that the above named Defendant appear on or before the 6th day of August, 2004, before the court after due publication of this Order and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this cause.

And it is further ORDERED that

this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Elba Clipper, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Coffee; that a copy of this order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this court is held; and that a copy of this order be mailed to the Defendant at the address shown by the aforesaid affidavit. Entered this 17th day of June, 2004.

Angela L. Tant, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, VA

6-24, 7-1, 8, & 15 cc

STATE OF ALABAMA

COFFEE COUNTY

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on November 21, 1998, Donnie Leon Hardy and Sheila Y. Hardy, Husband and Wife, did execute and deliver to Covington County Bank, a state

banking corporation, a mortgage

on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama, at OR Book 14-A, Pages 195-200, and

WHEREAS

SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It is amazing that a family that eats a lot of sandwiches and drinks soft drinks out of a can can manage to go through as many dishes and glasses as we can over the course of a week. Without hectic schedule, we rarely get the chance to sit down to a home cooked meal, but by the end of the week the sink is always filled with dirty dishes and only after a few threats will the girls head into the kitchen and get us ready for the next week of meals on the run. I would almost betcha that it would be as bad if we used paper plates and plastic glasses!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** Ronald McKinnon was back in town last week to host his annual free football camp and this year over 100 youngsters came out to meet the NFL standout and learn something from the former Elba Tiger. McKinnon had a wide grin on his face throughout the day as he worked with the kids and exchanged hand shakes with all his friends, and didn't leave the field until he shook every hand and patted every kid on the back. Since Ronald plays in Arizona and works out year round to stay in NFL condition it is rare he gets the chance to come home, but he made it clear to everyone at the camp last week that he still loves Elba and still considers it his home.

*** The daily downpours played havoc with the various all-star tournaments last week, but the Dixie Boys 14-Year-Old All-Stars did manage to finish their tournament and placed second in the five-team event to punch a ticket to this week's District Tournament, in Greenville. The All-Stars were no match for Troy and lost two games to the tourney champs by the combined score of 34-6, but did post wins over Georgiana and Highland Home to place second. The star of the tournament for Elba had to be Shane Adkinson. He pitched in both Elba wins and in the two games pitched a total of 14 innings and allowed only 1 earned run on a total of five hits, while striking out 28 batters. At the plate, Adkinson added three hits, scored two runs, knocked in two runs and hit a two-run homer. Not a bad tournament!

*** The Elba Dixie Angels All-Stars made a lot of noise late Friday night and early Saturday morning as they surprised the Troy All-Stars and claimed a wild 21-16 win, in the opening round of the sub-district tournament. The game was delayed by rain and didn't start until 11:24 p.m. Friday night, and it was 2:08 when the final out was made and the girls left the field with the win. Despite the late hour, the stands were filled with fans and the girls from both teams never showed signs of being tired as they battled until the final out. It was quite a performance by all the players and coaches as they all overcame a muddy field and the late hour to put on quite a show.

*** In closing, I talked with Elba Tiger head coach Scott Rials late last week and he told me that the numbers were still high for the players taking part in summer work-outs and all the players seemed excited about the upcoming season. I have talked with some players and they are indeed looking forward to the season, but until they put on the pads and start hitting on those 100 degree days I will just wait and see how many players pull on the black and gold.

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Dixie Boys All-Stars earn spot at district

The Elba Dixie Boys All-Stars posted two wins in four games last week to place second in the Dixie Boys Sub-District Baseball Tournament and earned the right to advance this week and compete in the District Tournament, in Greenville.

Troy outscored its four opponents 59-15 to win the five-team tournament, and will join Elba at District to compete in the seven-team event in Greenville. Following are highlights of Elba's four tournament games:

ELBA 6
GEORGIANA 2

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament against Georgiana and rode the pitching and hitting of Shane Adkinson to claim an impressive 6-2 win.

Georgiana combined one hit with one Elba error to jump out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but Elba bounced back in its half of the inning and plated two runs to grab the lead for good at 2-1. Don Rhoades singled to open the game for the All-Stars, moved to second on a two-out walk to Shane Adkinson and then raced home when Kasey Grantham delivered a key rbi single. Walks to Gage Nalley and Chase Perkins forced in Adkinson, and even though Elba left the bases loaded, the All-Stars owned a 2-1 lead after one inning.

Base hits by Don Rhoades and John Wayne Lambert, combined with two Georgiana errors, helped Elba score two runs in the second as the All-Stars upped their lead to 4-1. However, Elba managed only two base-runners over the next three innings and after five innings the All-Stars were still clinging to their 4-1 advantage.

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ELBA DIXIE BOYS ALL-STARS...placed second at last week's Sub-District baseball Tournament and earned the right to compete this week at the District Tournament, in Greenville.

Georgiana threatened in the seventh thanks to two Elba errors, but All-Star pitcher Shane Adkinson struck out the next two batters and then threw out the final Georgiana batter at first to end the game and give Elba the 6-2 win.

Don Rhoades had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Shane Adkinson added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs. John Wayne Lambert added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Kasey Grantham added 1 hit.

TROY 17
ELBA 5

The Elba All-Stars fell behind 10-0 early and never recovered as Troy combined 20 hits with seven errors to rip the All-Stars 17-5.

Troy combined nine hits with six errors in the opening two innings to jump out to a quick 10-0 lead, but saw Elba rally in the bottom of the second as the All-Stars plated four runs to cut the lead to 10-4. A lead-off single by Shane Adkinson pumped life into the All-Stars, and even though Adkinson was later forced out at the plate, Elba showed signs of life as Gage Nalley added a one-out single and D.J. Blevins ripped a bases-loaded double to drive in three runs. Blevins later scored on a passed ball, and after two

innings Elba had cut the Troy advantage to 10-4. The two teams swapped runs in the third inning, with Elba's fifth and raced home on an rbi double by Gage Nalley as Elba moved on top 2-1, and Shane Adkinson made the slim lead stand up as he allowed only one base runner over the final two innings to help the All-Stars survive with the 2-1 win.

Logan Carnley and Gage Nalley both had 1 hit and drove in 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Kasey Grantham and Chase Perkins scored the runs. Shane Adkinson picked up the win on the mound as he pitched seven innings and allowed one run on three hits, while striking out 12 batters.

Anyone interested in attracting birds and wildlife to their property should contact their county extension agent or the Alabama Wildlife Federation for information on how to attract wildlife to their property. They have information on what seeds to plant, plans for building squirrel nesting boxes, deer feeders, etc.

Times have changed. The old raccoon that once ran for his life at the sound of a baying howl now comes out of the woods to grab a snack from rovers dog food bowl. Like I said, times have changed.

Final session of Faulkner baseball camps set for July 22-24

Brent Barker, Baseball coach at Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL, has announced three summer camps sessions which present opportunities for baseball players to showcase their talents, as well as to improve their skills.

The three day Third Session is designed for High School players, grades 9-12. Check in for this camp is Thursday, July 22, 2004 at 6:00 PM with the actual activities beginning at 7:00 on Thursday night and running through Saturday night July 24,

at 8:00. The camp will be a combination of skills and drills taught throughout game settings. Included in the camp activities and fees is a Montgomery Biscuits game (Montgomery's professional Class AA baseball team) on Friday night. The fee of \$100 includes all activities, the game, as well as lodging.

For more information contact Coach Brent Barker at (334)386-7318, or email him at barker@faulkner.edu.

Elba city pool will be open to public on July 5 for family fun

The Elba City Pool is now open for the summer and area residents are encouraged to take advantage of one of the state's largest public pools to help cool off this summer.

The pool is closed on Monday, but is open from 12 Noon until 6 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$1 for swimmers ages 12 and under and \$2 for swimmers over age 12.

This summer the pool will open for "Family Nights" on Wednesday night, with children admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. This special night of fun will begin at 6:30 and close at 9 p.m.

For more information call the pool at 897-0555 or the Elba Recreation Center at 897-6833.

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clash between Elba and Enterprise. At 6:00 on Saturday the Troy Brundige winner will meet Coffee County, while the losers of the Friday night games will play on Saturday at 8:00. The tournament will continue with two games on Monday and one game on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Our players and ready for the tournament to begin," said Elba's Coach Wayne Jackson, "and even though we drew Enterprise in the opening game we are convinced that if we play well we will have chance to win. Everyone knows that Enterprise

and Troy will be the favorites to advance to the district. However, we will show up for every game, play hard to win and

COMMUNITY NEWS



Pictured L to R: Jennifer Grissett-treasurer, Kristin Barnes-event planner chairman, Mallory Allen-event planner co-chairman, Lindsay Lawford-president and Cameron Irwin-secretary

Senior Girls Scouts will be accepting donations for leukemia

The Senior Girl Scouts are rallying one of their own. They will be out for the next few weeks collecting money for the leukemia drive in honor of former Troop 300 member, Robyn Rhodes Wilborn, who is a leukemia survivor.

Robyn battled leukemia as an infant, enduring five years of chemotherapy. She has been symptom free since then and now devotes lots of her time and energy to fund raising for leukemia research.

Robyn and her husband, Barney, are in training now to run in the Virginia Beach Leukemia Marathon. They are

asking friends to support them in the marathon by contributing to the fight to conquer leukemia. They would like to present the money collected at the event in mid July.

Barney and Robyn live in Kechi, Kansas where Barney does research with the Excel Corporation and Robyn is a veterinarian. In his letter to friends Barney stated that "this will give me a chance to be a part of Robyn's life that I know nothing about."

Senior Girl Scout, Kristen Barnes, added, "We need to do this. We need to support Robyn, and you never know when this

disease will hit someone you love".

The Senior Scouts are asking Elba to help them fight leukemia. Checks should be made out to the Leukemia Society and are tax deductible. Contributions of cash are asked to put their name on paper attached to the money so that Robyn will know of everyone's interest and help. All Girl Scouts, present and former, are asked to contribute at least one dollar in order to put their names on the list. If you don't know a Girl Scout, call Mrs. Robert Camon.

Birmingham-Southern College Spring semester Dean's List announced

More than 300 students were named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the Spring 2004 Term at Birmingham-Southern College. Each student earned a 3.5 or

better grade-point average while taking 16 or more credit hours during the spring semester. Wesley Kelley of Elba was listed among the academic excellence group.

Birmingham-Southern is a four-year private institution that receives consistently high rankings as one of America's top liberal arts colleges.



Bruce Taylor, President, Wiregrass Chapter, SAR (left) presents the flag certificate to Marie Lepore with Jan Wicker, Director of Nursing and Chapter Vice-President Jim Gilmer (right).

SAR Flag Certificate presented to Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home

A National Society, Sons of American Revolution Flag Certificate was presented to the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home on Flag Day, June 14th.

In making the presentation Wiregrass Chapter, SAR Certificate presented to the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the proper display of the

National Colors by the hospital and nursing home. Accepting the certificate on behalf of the facility were Marie Lepore and Jan Wicker, Jim Gilmer, Chapter Vice-President assisted in the presentation.

The awarding of the Flag Certificate coincides with the Coffee County Commissioners' proclamation of Patriotism Month within the county which

encourages all residents to display the United States Flag.

The Sons of the American Revolution is an lineage organization composed of men who have documented blood line to an individual who fought during the American Revolution. For more information contact Taylor (347-8736) or Gilmer (897-1255).

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Ground breaking ceremony planned for Kelley Foods expansion project

Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc. announces the expansion of its distribution division by the end of the year.

The expansion will add 35,139 square feet to the existing facility bringing the total square footage of the distribution center to 300,000. The expanded

facility will "A Great Tastin' Sensation" support the division's business growth through 2010, and the expansion is expected to add approximately 20 new jobs to the company.

Kelley Foods is strategically located to service markets in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and

Mississippi. The expansion will allow the division to offer a broader line of frozen, refrigerated and dry food and food related products to its customer base of almost 3,000.

Kelley Foods has two divisions. The manufacturing division produces meat and food products sold under the "Kelley's" and "Tasty" brand to the retail and food service markets. The distribution division distributes over 4,700 food and food related items to the food and food service markets. Both

divisions are USDA Inspected, HACCP Certified facilities.

Kelley Foods is a family owned business founded in 1957. In 2003, its combined sales were over \$51 million and total employment was slightly over 145.

Business representatives said the City of Elba, Coffee County and the State of Alabama have always supported Kelley Foods in its mission to "help its customers grow first" by providing quality products and unmatched service the its valued customers.

A ground breaking ceremony for the expansion project will be held Thursday, July 15, at 10 a.m. on site. Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc. is located on Lower Curtis Road in Elba.



A DAY OF FUN...Elba Elementary School completed its summer school session last week by treating students to a fun day for the final day of the session. Summer school was conducted throughout the month of June with several students receiving the extra instruction. On Wednesday of last week, the school gym was the place to be as several students participated in the "Crazy Olympics." The students shown above did lots of twisting and turning as they worked to move a hula-hoop around their hand-held circle without breaking the circle. Other favorite events included potato hopping and the cracker chew and whistle.

Elba City Council hears good news regarding tax revenues

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members got good news at the June 28th meeting as the financial statement showed sales tax and tobacco tax revenues continued to exceed budget projections.

Through the first eight months of the fiscal year revenue is up \$112,000 over budget. However, the budget report shows expenses are up about \$100,000 for the same period. Mayor James Grimes explained that the City had opted to pay some bills on a one time annual basis (bonds and insurance) rather than spreading them out over the entire year.

In addition to those expenditures, the police department is

over budget by \$25,000, and the street department is over by \$18,000. A large part of the police department overage is in the unscheduled move of the dog pound. This added almost \$20,000 of expenses to the department. Salaries were up \$9,000 and the spiraling cost of gasoline cost Elba police an additional \$2,000.

The Recreation Department is up by \$13,000, with both supplies and salaries topping budget numbers. The fire department is down by \$13,000, with gasoline actually lower and firemen fees at about half projected amounts. Firemen are paid by the fire and when there are fewer than normal, the costs drop drastically.

Donations to the Chamber of Commerce have already exceeded the annual budget by \$1,126 and payments to the SE Regional Planning & Development are up by \$17,000 due to some grant work they have done for the City of Elba. Rescue Squad appropriations are already up by almost \$8,000 over the annual budgeted amount. When the budget was written city officials were not expecting the necessary expense of restarting the Elba Rescue Squad as a non-profit organization.

The council approved the required resolution calling for municipal elections on August

24th. Up for election will be the mayor and all five council members. Qualifying began Tuesday, July 6, for the four year terms.

The council officially approved the actions of the Planning & Zoning Board in denying the rezoning of property off Hickman Avenue, across from the stockyards. Grimes noted that the owner, Wayne Lawford, had withdrawn the application when he discovered neighborhood opposition, but the council still needed to approve the board action.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham told council members that mosquito spraying in Elba is as regular as the afternoon rains will allow. He added that city crews were catching up with the trash pick-up by doubling up crews and equipment.

NOTICE

Qualifying is currently underway for the 2004 Municipal Election.

Positions up for election include mayor and city council. Persons interested in seeking one of these spots must qualify by Tuesday, July 20.

Please see the Public Notice section on Page 7 for more information.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY will host a Summer Reading Program every Thursday during the month of July at 10 a.m.

A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT at the Victoria Baptist Church Flag Pole on Alabama Highway 125 will be held Saturday, July 17, at 2 p.m. This memorial service will commemorate the first anniversary of Jason Jordan's death in Iraq on July 20, 2003. Everyone is invited to attend, especially all military men and women. The memorial site honors all veterans - past, present and future.

A TOWN HALL MEETING will be held Thursday, July 29, at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church Social Hall in Elba. Cheryl Morgan, an architect from Auburn University, will host the meeting concerning the revitalization of the city. During previous meetings, Morgan presented drafts and a proposed plan for renovation within the town. All merchants and concerned citizens are asked to attend this meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION will be held Friday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Extension Office Complex, in New Brockton, Ala. There will be door prizes and all members are encouraged to attend.



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Betty Brunson retires from National Security after nearly 46 years of service

It is rare to find someone in today's business climate that personifies the term "loyalty" but just such a person can be found at National Security in Human Resources Director Betty Brunson.

Brunson's career at National Security began in 1958, and she will be retiring later this month just a few months shy of 46 years of employment.

Needless to say there have been numerous changes in the business world over a period of 46 years and Brunson, not surprisingly, cites improvements in technology as having the greatest day-to-day impact. Her first position with the company was as the operator of the Varitype machine, and she recalls that the company's quarterly statements, typically a four-page document, would take almost an entire week to design and print. The same job today can be completed within a few hours.

National Security has had three chief executive officers in its history, and Brunson has worked with all three.

W.L. Brunson, founder of National Security in 1947, was CEO in 1958 and J. R. Brunson was named CEO following Mr. W.L.'s untimely death in 1978. National Security's current CEO, Bill Brunson, is the son of W.L. Brunson, and he assumed the helm following Mr. J.R.'s retirement in 2000.

Betty feels she has gone full circle in that regard, beginning with W.L. Brunson and now seeing his son assume the top management position at the

company. National Security has earned the reputation of being a company that is "family friendly," and Brunson said she certainly feels that designation is appropriate.

She said the company has always allowed her to take opportunities to be involved with her children's lives, an opportunity not afforded to many working mothers.

Working mother is certainly a term that applies to Betty. At one point several years ago, she was attending college full-time, involved with a Boy Scout troop, a member of the choir and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church Elba along with all the duties associated with raising two children not to mention her full-time position at National Security.

That experience has served Brunson well as human resources director as she understands the demands a family and full-time career can place on today's working mothers.

"I've never lost sight of the fact that each desk at National Security is occupied by a person," Brunson said. "Many companies treat their employees as a number, not a person, but that is not the case at National Security."

According to CEO Bill Brunson, Betty has long been the "voice and face" that people in Elba and surrounding communities have associated with National Security. He said he feels that Betty's best asset is her interpersonal skills, and



Betty Brunson with National Security's CEO Bill Brunson

she has that intangible quality of being able to recognize the people who need a pat on the back to reach their potential compared to those that need to have someone exert tough discipline towards them in order to assure their success.

"That is a quality that will be most difficult to replace," he

Betty and husband, Buddy, will now spend most of their time in Orange Beach, Ala. near where the couple's daughter, Suzie, husband, Keith, and their two children reside. The Brunson son, Art, his wife, Kim, and their daughter live in Andalusia.

"There will be no bells or whistles, I can sleep late, read all I want and swim in the ocean or pool," she said. "I'll also have plenty of time to supervise Buddy as he strives to complete an ever growing 'to-do' list."

Brunson said she has no regrets through it all as she nears the end of her career. "I've had a good ride," she said as she reflected back upon all the people she has encountered through her 46 years.

Throughout her career, Brunson has met people from all walks of life including governors, senators and representatives, but each day at sunset she asked herself the same question... "Have I done everything I set out to do today and did I do it as well as I could?"

As the sunset of Betty's career at National Security begins to fade into the night, everyone at National Security feels Betty can answer both those questions with a resounding "yes". She may be near the end of her "ride" at National Security, but a new ride is only beginning.